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ENERGY & WATER DIVISION

February 21, 2003

Mr. Dan McCormac, Chief
Energy and Water Division
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

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Dear Mr. McCormac:

Atmos Energy Corporation (Company) herewith submits for filing and approval 2nd Revised Sheet No. 57 applicable to all Tennessee service areas. The proposed tariff change is being made to clarify the current conflicting language in paragraph 4.3 of 1st Revised Sheet 57. The proposed change will allow the Company to render estimated bills under ordinary circumstances as currently stated and permitted upon approval by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in accordance with Rule 1220-4-5-.09. Consistent with the Rule, the Company will not send a customer two successive estimated bills. The Company will show on the bill that the gas reading is estimated and will offer to read any meter for which a customer has raised a billing issue. By utilizing estimated billing, the Company will be able to utilize its resources more efficiently.

The Company proposes an effective date of May 1, 2003 to allow the Staff and Office of Attorney General adequate time for review. If you have any questions, please contact me at 615.771.8330.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Martin
Senior Analyst - Rates & Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

- (b) By adding the amount of interest accrued to the deposit, upon the return of such deposit to the Customer or upon its application to the liquidation of unpaid charges as provided in this service regulation.

3.7 Issuance of Receipt or Certificate of Deposit

At the time the Company receives a cash deposit from a Customer in accordance with this service regulation, it will issue, and deliver to such Customer, a receipt or certificate of deposit showing thereon (1) the date thereof, (2) the name of the Customer, (3) the address of the premises served or to be served, and (4) the amount of the deposit.

4. Billing

- 4.1 Bills will be rendered at intervals of approximately 30 days, according to billing cycles established at the Company's discretion. If the Customer's meter fails to register or a reading of such meter cannot be obtained, a bill will be rendered based upon a reasonable estimate of the gas consumed by the Customer.
- 4.2 Bills for service furnished to the Customer by the Company are due and payable on the date rendered. If a bill is not paid within the maximum period prescribed by the rate schedule, it shall be considered delinquent and the additional charge authorized by the rate schedule shall become payable.
- 4.3 Under ordinary circumstances, no more than one estimated bill shall be rendered during any sixty (60) day period, provided that reasonable access to the meter shall have been granted by the Customer and provided further that in the absence of such reasonable access the Company shall have the right to discontinue service for the Customer as outlined in Regulation No. 5. In accordance with Chapter 1220-4-5.15(g) of the Regulations for Gas Companies, the Company will clearly identify the bill as estimated.